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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This application is a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §120 of prior Application No. 08/116,152 filed September 2, 1993.

The final rejection of the claims of prior Application No. 08/116,152 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in a Decision On Appeal mailed December 15, 2000. The affirmed final rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) was based on U.S. Patent No. 3,969,162 to Henke; U.S. Patent No. 4,054,471 to Datta; and U.S. Patent No. 4,318,758 to Kuroki et al.

The finally rejected claims of prior Application No. 08/116,152 were product claims. The present application is directed to method claims.

Enclosed is completed form PTO-1449 listing references which may be of interest to the Patent and Trademark Office in the examination of this application. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed. These references are the references of record in prior Application No. 08/116,152.

Cited U.S. Patent No. 3,932,234 is a counterpart of cited Japan No. 51-13469.

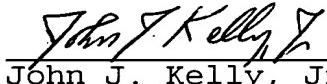
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